ed employment-wise for selected employment(s). The Committee will go into only specific employment(s) *i.e.*, where minimum wages for the same employment(s) in one of a set of contiguous States caused problems in other State(s).

(c) After the initial recommendations for fixation of the regional minimum wages, the Committee may meet at least twice a year to review the situation.

(d) In considering the rate(s) of the regional minimum wage for specific employments, the Committee would take into account the concept of poverty line, the prevailing wage rates in the particular employment in different States of the region and the neighbouring region(s), the capacity to pay, requirement of skill for the employment and hazards involved etc.

(e) The minimum wages recommended by the Committee may be related to a particular level of All India Consumer Price Index Number compiled by the Labour Bureau, Shimla. However, the States may revise the wage whenever there is a rise of 50 points in the Consumer Price Index. The Committee will not be statutory body and its function being of advisory and consultative nature, the fixation and revision of wages may be done by each State Government in accordance with the prescribed procedure, under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 while keeping the recommendation of the Committee in view.

Action Plan to Curb Communalism

1029. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently worked out an action plan to curb communalism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the same and by when it is proposed to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) No new action plan to curb communalism in the country has yet been finalised.

Illegal Termination of Services of Hindi Stenographers Employed by CPWD

1030. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Curzan Road, New Delhi, had forwarded a few cases to his Ministry regarding illegal termination of daily wage Hindi Stenographers by their employers, i.e., C.P.W.D. Executive Engineer of Pushp Vihar Maintenance Division, Mehrauli Badarpur Road Housing Project, Pushp Bhavan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by his Ministry thereon so far;

(c) what are the reasons for not settling such cases on priority basis keeping in view the sufferings of the employees terminated illegally by the employer ; and

(d) what action is taken against the officers who illegally terminate their employees and violate the rules ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Curzon Road, New Delhi, has forwarded only one such case which relates to alleged illegal termination of services of Shri Kamal Kumar Gupta, daily wage Hindi Stenographer.

(b) Ministry of Urban Development has been requested to advise the management to resolve the dispute amicably or alternatively agree for reference thereof for adjudication by an Industrial Tribunal.

(c) Efforts are always made to settle such cases on priority basis, in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

(d) This depends on the facts of each case and the relevant law.

Pollution of Ground Water

1031. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Hindu' (New Delhi edition) dated the 26th October, 1987 to the effect that increased and indiscriminate use of introgenous chemical fertilisers has led to